

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- YEAR C

22 May 2022

Making a home with God

We are still in the Easter season celebrating a new creation. John's gospel takes us back before the Easter event as we hear another part of the farewell spoken by Jesus before his death.

He seeks to give his disciples hope in the face of what is to come. Of course, they don't know what's coming, but at this moment he says to them that if they love him, they will keep his word and Jesus and 'my Father' will make their home with them.

It's quite breathtaking, revealing to us an intimacy we're unexpectedly invited to share in. And that home is being made whenever we are present to one another, not using one another, or fantasising about one another, but are able to be with each other.

Then Jesus speaks out of this love when he says that the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who the Father will send in his name, will reveal everything, deepening our understanding of what has been said to us. And more, he continues to reveal the great generosity of God and gives his peace to us, a peace quite unlike what the world offers.

The emphasis isn't on stopping hostilities which is what we understand peace to mean in international affairs, or closer to home, or a peace of mind which brings with it the 'power of inner peace', crucial and helpful as they might be at moments, but on a person, on Jesus Christ, on one another: it is centred on relationship.

As we learn to love one another, to be with each other, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus and the Father come to be with us, to live in us. And the peace this love brings is not a DIY peace, but a gift to be received. We can't simply will it into being, or program it, we have to learn to receive it. That's the part we find difficult. Letting go of our old, comforting habits.

Often, we prefer to hold tight to what we know because letting go seems risky. But that's what Jesus is speaking of; trusting in God's love, this peace, as revealed in him and made real in our lives by the Holy Spirit. This is the intimacy we're invited to share in, where 'on the far side of my letting go is myself in God'.

It's the vision revealed to us in the second reading from the Apocalypse where 'the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the Temple' and we live in them, opening our hearts in praise, as in the psalm. It reminds us that, empowered by the Holy Spirit, there will be decisions to be made, work to do, to enable the Good News of God's love to be heard. But now, in the light of Easter, we know, as do the disciples in the first reading, nothing can prevent God making a home with us.

Damian Coleridge @Magellan Media 2022

This week in the Parish

Saturday 21	10:00 am - Rosary in the Park (see note page 3) 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 22	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YR C 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 11:15 am - Baptism 12:00 pm - Baptism
Tuesday 24	OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS 5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 25	5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 26	8:15 am - Mass
Friday 27	11:00 am - Memorial Mass Fr John Worthington
Saturday 28	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 29	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YR C 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 11:15am - Baptism

HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
Each Tuesday & Wednesday
from 4:30 pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
First Friday of each month
11 am - 11:50 am

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

WEDNESDAY WORD
Copies of Wednesday Word, with this weekend's readings, are available for you in the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Henry Burns, Craig Bryant, Giuseppina Zambelli, Aileen McConnell, Bev Everson

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bishop Patrick Farrelly (Third Bishop of Lismore)

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Baby Harry Partridge, John Flanagan, Mark Hanna, Michael Twohill, Deb Craig, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

28/29 May | The Ascension of the Lord

6 pm - Barbara Brodbeck

8 am - Jan Bruce

10 am - Ed Egan

Readings for the next week:

The Ascension of the Lord - Yr C

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.

BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Austin Phoenix Duff Lowien
& **Lenny James East**
to our faith community.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Children's Liturgy is re-commencing this weekend at **the 8am Mass**.

All primary aged children are invited to join in the children's liturgy during Mass.

MEMORIAL MASS | FR JOHN WORTHINGTON

A Memorial Mass will be held for Fr John in the Sacred Heart Church on Friday 27 May at 11am. All parishioners are invited to attend.

MEMORIAL MASS | MADONNA MARSHALL

A Memorial Mass for Madonna Marshall will be held on Saturday 4 June commencing at 10:30 am. Stewart, Suzanne and family would like to invite parishioners to this Memorial Mass.

2022 SACRAMENTAL DATES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome & Instruction 1 - Sat 21 & Sun 22 May

Instruction 2 - Sat 28 & Sun 29 May

Instruction 3 - Sat 4 & Sun 5 June

Instruction 4 - Sat 11 & Sun 12 June

Retreat Day including First Reconciliation

- Thursday 16 June in Parish Church

First Holy Communion
Sunday 19 June at 9am

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Parent Meeting:

Tuesday 9 August 6.30pm

in Sacred Heart Church

Sacrament of Confirmation

Thursday 8 September

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES...

This weekend we welcome our First Holy Communion candidates, as they begin their instruction for Holy Communion. This will take place over the next four weeks and First Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9am Mass on Sunday 19 June. *(Please note there will be no 8am or 10am Mass that day)*

THE MONTH OF MAY

In celebrating the annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son.

The month of May includes several Marian Feasts and is a special time of honour and devotion to Mary.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Parish **BIG** Morning Tea
Sunday 5 June after 9am Mass

(no 8am or 10am Mass)

Please bring a plate to share.

All welcome!



ROSARY IN THE PARK

Saturday 21 May

10am in Budd Park

led by Legion of Mary

ALL ARE WELCOME!

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS | 24 MAY



The feast day to Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800's.

Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pius VI who died in jail. When Pope Pius VII was elected he too was jailed by Bonaparte, who kept him prisoner at Fontainebleau. The Holy Father vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary. The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on 24 May 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome.

Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24 May.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.

Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 66)

R: O God, let the nations praise you.

IF SUNG:

**R: Let the peoples praise you O Lord,
let all the peoples praise you.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words, and my
Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!**

DIOCESAN REVIEW

In December 2021, Bishop Greg, in consultation with the Council of Priests, commissioned a Review of the Diocese of Lismore. The Review's goal is to provide a focused way forward in the face of the many challenges which confront all of us in our local parishes and throughout the Diocese. Some of the questions that will be discussed will include:

1. How do we sustain and strengthen our parish communities?
2. How do we identify the needs of the people in the Lismore Diocese and find ways to assist them?
3. How can we support clergy, parishes and the other works of the Diocese?
4. What should the mission and focus of the Diocese be as we move further into the 21st Century?
5. Do we need to change the structures which hold the Diocese in place and/or the ways in which we do things?

Dr Atat Li-Kim Mui has been appointed to conduct the Review. He has conducted similar work with secular and church organisations and has begun the process by engaging with and listening to Parish Priests, other clergy and lay leaders in the various parishes and within the Diocese.

The initial consultation by Dr Atat with our Parish leaders will be a combined meeting on Tuesday 24 May with Fr Peter; Parish Manager Mary-Ann Thackray and representatives of the Parish Finance Council - Peter McDonald and Ray Daley; and Parish Pastoral Council - Christine Wightley and Denise Banner. Please be assured that opportunities for input from all parishioners will be sought as the Review progresses.

VIEW MASS AT HOME - *There are several options to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:*

- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass on the [Diocesan YouTube](#) channel - 9:00 am.
- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



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